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Man Sentenced for Fatally Beating Disabled Man in Crenshaw Park

A 21-year-old man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for his role in the fatal beating of a disabled man at a Crenshaw park in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Casey Higgins said Tyshaun Vasquez was found guilty by a jury on Feb. 24 of one count of second-degree murder in case BA432561.

Victim Eddie Ray Smith Jr., 43, was beaten to death on Nov. 30, 2014, at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Park on the 5000 block of Rodeo Road. According to witness testimony, Vasquez stomped on the victim's head and neck area approximately 20 times during the assault. The victim also was punched in the face 15 times, the prosecutor said.

On Jan. 6, the defendant pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree robbery for assaulting and robbing a food delivery driver near the same park on July 5, 2014, the prosecutor added.

Vasquez faces three years in state prison for case BA447871. Sentencing is scheduled on April 5 in Department 113 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The cases were investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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